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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, the Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. The amendments are presented in the revised amendment format authorized by the Office of Patent Legal Administration by Notice dated January 31, 2003.

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new claims 28-31, modeled on amended, patentable claims 20, 22, 24 and 26, to cover such rib arrangements.

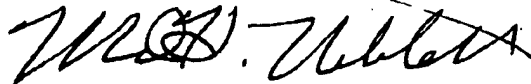
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments place the presently pending claims in condition for allowance. The Applicants therefore earnestly solicit issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28-31.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

No additional fees are believed to be required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, the Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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